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SUBJECT: POLADS DISCUSSION OF SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA

REFS: A) USNATO 723; B) STATE 55436

1. POLADS COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON ECONAD PAPER COVERING ECONOMIC TRENDS IN YUGOSLAVIA 1972-1973 (AC/127- D/429.) UK REP SAID LONDON TAKES ISSUE WITH STATEMENT IN PARA 24 THAT IT IS LONG- TERM YUGOSLAV POLICY TO SOLIDIFY AND ENHANCE ITS PRESENCE IN COMECON MARKETS. UK ASKED FOR SOME CONCRETE EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT. IN ADDITION, UK SUGGESTS EXPANDING LAST SENTENCE IN REPORT (PARA 36) THAT FORTHCOMING YUGOSLAV- EC NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE IMPORTANT IN DETERMINING FUTURE YUGOSLAV RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE AS WELL AS MAINTENANCE BY YUGOSLAVIA OF ITS NON- ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY. UK SUGGESTS ADDING THOUGHT THAT NEGOTIATIONS ALSO WILL HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STABILITY.

2. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED RETURNING IN SEVERAL WEEKS TO VARIOUS PAPERS ON YUGOSLAVIA TABLED EARLIER, INCLUDING MATERIAL CIRCULATED BY US (STATE 22045 AND BELGRADE 482), AT WHICH TIME POLADS WILL BE ASKED TO DECIDE HOW BEST TO PROCEED.

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3. COMMENT: WHEN RECEIVED, WE WILL CIRCULATE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT ON AC/127- D/429. WE WOULD ALSO

APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT' S REACTION TO NEXT STEPS IN YUGOSLAV STUDY
AS DESCRIBED PARA 6 REF A. AN ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITY IS FOR
EASTERN EUROPEAN EXPERTS, WHEN THEY MEET IN EARLY MAY, TO
COMMENT ON AND CONTRIBUTE TO YUGOSLAV STUDY UNDERWAY.
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